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Building a world of love and acceptance

Holocaust education week focuses on educating children

By Katy Peplinski

The living filled the concentration camps, the torture chambers and the execution sites while the dead's emaciated bodies formed mountains of flesh and flies in nearby fields.

And what was the reason for the heinous treatment inflicted upon them? Being Jewish was their only crime.

It is this irrational prejudice with which people are urged to grapple during Holocaust Education Week. They are also called to look to the future and promise 'never again.'

But before such a promise can be made, people must truly understand the danger of intolerance. As Holocaust survivor George Brady says, racial hatred is the most potent weapon of mass destruction known to humanity. He stresses that the only proven antidote against this weapon is the education of young people.

"Adults, you cannot change their minds," he says. "But children, their minds are open."

Karen Levine, author of *Hana's Suitcase*, agrees. "I spend a lot of time with kids talking about the Holocaust, and it's like getting a big jolt of hope. They think hard about it, feel strongly about it, and want to do something," she says.

Her book is being used to launch Holocaust Education Week this year.

Hana's Suitcase is the true story of Fumiko Ishioka who was appointed as co-ordinator of the Tokyo Holocaust Education Centre in 1998, her job being to teach Japanese children about the Shoah.

Ishioka thought she might make the tragedy more immediate to her students by showing them some real objects that had belonged to the Nazi's victims. After much persistence, she received several items from the Auschwitz Museum: a

sock, a shoe and a suitcase. On the suitcase was printed the name Hana Brady, her birth date, and the German word for 'orphan.' As more and more questions about Hana continued to haunt Ishioka and her class, they set out to find the answers.

Levine's book recounts the things they eventually learned about George's sister Hana and the chord she struck with them.

Since its release, *Hana's Suitcase* has garnered international acclaim and awards. Brady says it is the children who have received the story with the greatest interest. They are troubled that such monstrous things could ever happen to an ordinary girl who was like them in so many ways.

Ken Clavette, co-ordinator for Labour Community Services in Ottawa, an organization which

helped to spearhead this year's Holocaust Education Week, explains that "when children read about what happened to this little girl, they are better able to identify and understand the lessons of the Holocaust."

Clavette points out that the lessons of the Holocaust are not exclusive to Jews. While there is some resistance in the Jewish (Continued on page 2)



Hana Brady of *Hana's Suitcase* with her brother George.



L'École Benlolo Bar/Bat Mitzvah School students practise blowing the shofar. Sixty-five years ago, in Nazi-dominated Europe, hearing the shofar was next to impossible. During the war, on erev Rosh Hashanah, 1,400 Hungarian children incarcerated in Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp unexpectedly heard the shofar blown by a rabbi. See editor's column page 7.

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Hana's Suitcase

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community toward comparing genocides and challenging the uniqueness of the Holocaust. Clavette says that "incidents of hate and discrimination are sadly universal."

Levine echoes this sentiment. "We're little more than a decade away from the genocide in Rwanda, and [one] is already under way in Sudan. This is stuff that people urgently need to think about. People need to know that [the Holocaust] has tremendous relevance to modern life."

On Sunday, October 30, two presentations of *Hana's Suitcase* will launch Holocaust Education Week. The first presentation will be held at the Ottawa Public Library at 1:00 pm. The second presentation is on the same day at St. Paul's University at 7:00 pm.

Copies of *Hana's Suitcase* will be on sale at both events. Donations for the purchase of the book for classrooms will also be possible. Any other proceeds will go toward the purchase of Holocaust Education materials for schools.

Remembering the dead, one paperclip at a time

By Katy Peplinskie
The film *Paper Clips* is another effective way of teaching about the Holocaust.

Paper Clips portrays the true story of middle school students in Whitwell, Tennessee who collected paperclips with the goal of reaching six million - one for each Jew

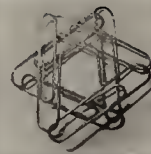
killed in the Shoah.

The students chose to gather paperclips when they learned that Norwegians had worn them on their clothing during the Second World War as a silent protest against Nazism and anti-Semitism.

Their modest classroom effort eventually garnered

them national and international attention.

The film has won numerous awards such as Best New Jewish Film of the Year at the 2003 Lenore Marwell Mielhgan Jewish Film Festival and the Jury Award for Best American Documentary at the 2004 Rome International Film Festival. Roger



Ebert gave 'Paper Clips' three out of four stars.

Paper Clips will be shown in Ottawa on Sunday, October 16, 7:00 pm at the Rainbow Cinemas, St. Laurent Shopping Centre.

Labour community backs Holocaust Education Week

By Katy Peplinskie
Labour Community Services in Ottawa is one of the primary organizations involved in Holocaust Education Week this year.

As Ken Clavette, coordinator of Community Services, explains, labour movements have a long history of human rights work, and of ensuring that fairness is achieved.

"It's about ongoing edu-

cation and ongoing building," he stresses. "We have to show that injustice won't be tolerated."

It is also worth mentioning that some of Hitler's first victims were members of the German labour movement.

The Nazis sought to destroy, root and branch, the organizations of the working class and to imprison and murder its leaders.

Carleton U's Centre for Jewish Studies to host Holocaust Education Week events

This fall, Jewish Studies will have a more prominent presence at Carleton University with the establishment of a Centre for Jewish Studies and Research.

The new centre offers a forum for scholars from a variety of departments working in the area of Jewish Studies to meet, discuss and circulate their research.

Carleton University has more than 25 faculty members conducting innovative research in the field of Jewish Studies. Their research projects include Jewish history, literature, and philosophy, Jewish identity, mysti-

cism, gender and Judaism, anti-Semitism, diasporic experiences, and classical Jewish texts. However, until now, they have not had a place to meet and discuss their work with colleagues in other departments.

The new centre establishes an institutional setting to encourage academic conversations in Jewish Studies, and to provide a venue for public presentations of research to the Ottawa community.

The centre encourages student participation at all events and will allow advanced students to present works in progress. The

centre also will sponsor guest lectures in the field and collaborate with Jewish studies programs at other universities both in Canada and internationally.

The centre has organized two public events for Holocaust Education Week.

The first, a panel on "New Directions in Holocaust Research" takes place Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30 pm at Carleton University, Paterson Hall, Room 303. Six Carleton scholars engaged in Holocaust research will discuss the impact of the Holocaust on their teaching and research.

The panelists will approach their topics from a number of disciplinary perspectives, including history, English literature, psychology, communications, and French literature. The panel will be followed by an open discussion and light refreshments.

On the anniversary of Kristallnacht, Wednesday, November 9, Professor Jean-Jacques Van Vlasselaer of the French department will be presenting a lecture entitled "Facing the Abyss: Jewish Resistance through Culture in Theresienstadt."

Professor Van Vlasselaer is recognized internationally as an expert on Jewish cultural production during the Holocaust. This presentation will also be followed by a question and answer period. The event will begin at 7:30 pm, in Room 303, Paterson Hall on Carleton's campus.

Interested members of the community are invited to attend both events.

For further information, contact Marla Segol (520-2600, ext. 8106, e-mail: marla_segol@carleton.ca) or James Casteel (jcasteel@connect.carleton.ca).

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This Jewish Federation of Ottawa Annual fundraiser neither takes place just on a Sunday nor over the course of a week anymore. But the astonishing results of this so-called SuperWeek fundraising phone blitz clearly adds up to a week's worth of hard work accomplished in just two days ... and amazing net results!

Over the course of the two days, more than 100 volunteers helped canvass. On Sunday, September 18th, 939 cards were called and generated an astonishing \$70,621 for the Campaign. On Monday, 347 cards were canvassed and \$19,864 was raised, bringing this year's SuperWeek grand total to 1,286 canvassed cards and \$90,485. There will be a SuperWeek cleanup scheduled in late November for all those who could not be reached.

Riva Levitan and Richard Roth were responsible for organizing this year's successful fundraiser and, needless-to-say, were very pleased with the outcome.

"We were really, really pleased with how it went this year," says Riva. "We had an eager, excellent group of volunteers who did an amazing job. Both Richard and I were thrilled with what they accomplished in such a short span of time. We are grateful to all the volunteers and staff for helping run things so smoothly. What I particularly took away from this whole experience was realizing what a mitzvah the whole thing is; not only giving of your time and money, but for those with the difficult task of asking for donations – it too is really a mitzvah."

Next year's incoming SuperWeek chairs are Warren and Linda Malamed.

This year's Campaign has set an ambitious goal of \$5 million. Anyone wishing to support this year's Campaign either financially or by volunteering and getting involved, please contact 798-4696 extension 248 or www.jewishottawa.com.



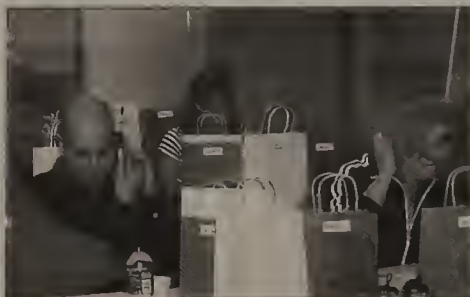
SuperWeek Chairs Richard Roth and Riva Levitan



Kevin Cantor (left) and Marty Friedlich



Laurie and Ben Shusterman



(Front row) Warren Malamed and Pam Stelcner;
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Dr. Hartley Stern JNF Negev Dinner honouree

Keynote address by ecologist Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

By Cynthia
Nyman Engel

JNF's 2005 Negev Dinner honouree Dr. Hartley Stern maintains a schedule that gives new meaning to multi-tasking.

As vice-president cancer services at the Ottawa Hospital Regional Cancer Centre, he spends two-and-a-half days a week implementing and running the centre's cancer programs.

As a colorectal cancer surgeon, he devotes one-and-one-half days a week to his patients.

As the provincial co-ordinator of surgical oncology with Cancer Care Ontario, every Friday he commutes to his Toronto office where he focuses on improving the delivery of cancer surgery throughout the province.

And, as an unabashed admirer of and participant

in Ottawa Jewish communal life, the transplanted Torontonian makes time to participate in community fund raising at a senior level.

"JNF is extremely proud and honoured to have Dr. Stern as our 2005 Negev Dinner honouree," says Lisa Cogan, JNF Ottawa board president. "For us the choice was clear – a loving and caring husband and father, a leader in medical

fields, an active and tireless contributor to community efforts, a philanthropist and humanitarian."

The tribute dinner will take place on Tuesday, November 1 at the Westin Hotel. Eminent ecologist, U.S. attorney Robert F. Kennedy Jr., is delivering the keynote address. Rabbi Reuven Bulka will emcee the evening. Proceeds from the event will be used to



Robert Kennedy Jr.



Dr. Hartley Stern

establish the Hartley Stern Nanotechnology Research Project – in the desalination and depollution of water.

"Typical of his style and character, when Dr. Stern was initially approached by Rabbi Bulka, his only criteria was to modestly ask if his acceptance and his choice of project would be worthy of attention and support," says Mrs. Cogan. "He was not remotely interested in honour for honour's sake and accepted only when he had identified a project that he felt would make a difference."

"For JNF there could be no finer choice," she says.

Dr. Stern put a great deal of thought into choosing the project that will bear his name. The Hartley Stern Nanotechnology Research project will see JNF and university researchers working side-by-side to find nano-scale solutions to water desalination and groundwater toxins.

"Lack of palatable water is the number one crisis in the world today and I am acutely aware of Israel's dedication to researching affordable solutions to the problem," says Dr. Stern, who is a frequent visitor

to the Jewish state.

"As an NGO, JNF is in the enviable position of being able to make successful technology available to all nations through its good offices under the umbrella of the United Nations.

"The burning platform is that 1.2 billion people in the world have no access to clean water, so 400 children die each hour," he says.

"If Israel can do this, can accomplish the desalination and depollution of water, it will mean a ten percent decrease in those deaths."

Dr. Stern and his wife, Dorothy, are the parents of sons Daniel, 23 and Andrew, 18.

Tickets to the tribute dinner are \$180. each. A tax receipt as applicable will be issued. The community is invited to attend. For tickets call Margo Blostein at the JNF office (798-2411).

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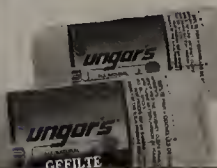
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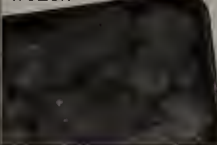
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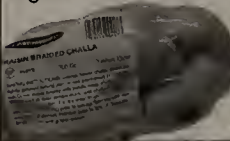
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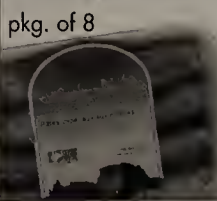
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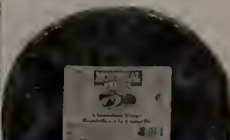
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Strategically shaping the future of our community

Editor's note: JFO Chair Ron Prehogan has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.

Shana Tova!

It is the start of a New Year, 5766, in our Jewish calendar, and, as Rosh Hashanah signifies a new beginning, so is the Jewish Federation of Ottawa taking its first steps as the new governing body for the Ottawa Jewish community.

We have a wonderful, unique Jewish community in Ottawa, and are looking forward to the opportunity to build on our strengths, and, as Ron Prehogan, our chair, said, going from being a good community to a great community.

As part of the new governance structure of our community, there is a newly constituted board of directors, consisting of the chairs of five core committees, as well as other members.

These committees represent the pillars of our community structure - they are 'Jewish Identity and Responsibility,' 'Planning and Allocations,' 'Communications and Community Relations,' 'Financial Resource Development' and 'Audit and Finance.'

The idea is to move to a strategic plan-



Federation Report

Donna Dolansky
chair, FRD

ning model, with measurable goals and strategic objectives laid out in each of the five core committee areas. Core committees are responsible for achieving these objectives, or overseeing objectives where they are ongoing.

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a programming agency.**

**We want to facilitate,
not micromanage.**

**Our support and direction
of fundraising activities
is strategic, not tactical.**

My area of responsibility is the financial resource development (FRD) committee, which encompasses all financial resources development in the community,

including the annual campaign, the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, the Multiple Appeals Committee, community missions and infrastructure.

My job as chair is to report on our committee activities at the board of directors' meetings and, in turn, to keep the FRD committee members aware of the activities of other committees that could impact on ours.

We are not a programming agency. We want to facilitate, not micromanage. Our support and direction of fundraising activities is strategic, not tactical.

The FRD committee consists of a great group of committed individuals. They are: David Baker, Norman Barwin, Jeff Eisen, Roz Fremeth, Audrey Kreisman, Ingrid Levitz and Michael Walsh. Gregory Sanders, as chair of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, and Neil Shinder, as chair of our community campaign (UJA), are ex-officio members.

The last board of directors' meeting established five strategic objectives, which sets our priorities for the coming year. As the FRD committee, we plan to focus on our own three strategic objectives, which flow from those:

1. Expand the annual campaign donor base, with the ideal being a...

2. Create a leadership development initiative;

3. Co-ordinate an integrated financial resource development model.

To take one example, in the leadership development area, our next steps would be to create a strategy to identify tomorrow's leaders, stay connected with today's leaders and devise a mentorship process.

It is important to plan for the future of our community, by ensuring ongoing resources will be in place, and not have to depend so heavily on individual fundraising efforts such as the annual campaign.

We, as FRD committee members, have a very important role to play, along with all the other committed community volunteers and staff, because we have the opportunity to shape how the new Federation governance will actually be applied.

Generosity is not only writing a cheque, but also giving of your time. If anyone wishes to join us in these efforts, we would welcome them. Interested in finding out more about FRD and getting involved in some capacity? Please call 798-4696, ext. 236.

As you read this, we will be celebrating Yom Kippur. On behalf of Bernie, our family and myself, I wish you a G'mar Mitzvah!

Majority indifferent to Jewish identity and assimilation

There is no question that the parlours of federations will once again debate the topic of what can be done to preserve and continue Jewish identity. Studies will be commissioned, monies will be spent, suggestions will be offered, programs will be provided, and the problem of assimilation here in Ottawa and elsewhere will continue to vex committed Jews.

In other words, the majority of identified Jews really could not care less about Jewish identity. The rising rates of intermarriage in our city and elsewhere merely point to the indifference that marks the Jewish community today. No one denomination can claim that its movement is impervious to the ever-increasing rate of assimilation that afflicts the Jewish community today. Every group has its dropouts.

Yes, there is a burgeoning ba'al teshuva movement, but the numbers attracted are so few despite the inordinate amount of publicity that kiruv (outreach) movements put out in order to give the impression there is a flood of returnees when, in reality, there is only a trickle. Anecdotal accounts, rather than concrete statistical information, which flow from these organizations, while laudatory, are downright misleading.

It is perhaps this sputtering of anecdotal information disseminated in the community that encouraged the rabbis of the Talmud to declare that when one saves one life, it is as if he has saved the entire world. Every life counts, of course, and every person who



From the pulpit

Rabbi Howard
Finkelstein
Beth Shalom West

determines to return to his/her faith, is to be celebrated and welcomed. But do not exaggerate numbers in order to sell a product. Truth in advertising must be part and parcel of the outreach movements' mandates.

What is the solution to ever-increasing assimilation and impending intermarriage?

Is it Jewish education? Perhaps. Jewish education does not grant or guarantee immunity to assimilation, but it is surely a preventative. However, even Jewish education does not suffice, especially if the parental home does not support the religious educational initiatives of the school in question.

One thing is clear. The lack of Jewish education does not prevent assimilation. It encourages it and fosters it.

Let one who believes in the sanctity of Jewish education become complacent and smug, let him wake up to the fact that even in Jewish schools the hoped for solution to assimilation may never be achieved because the teachers who teach Jewish values and practice may not believe in these values personally, or practise what they preach.

Schools must ensure that their teachers

hired to instruct our young in Jewish teachings and law must themselves observe personally what they teach. Otherwise, you have a recipe for spiritual disaster, for our students will recognize the hypocrisy of their teachers and reject consequently the entire package of Judaism for some type of life style that seems to be more palatable and attractive.

Non-observant teachers should not teach Jewish observance. Unfortunately, the obvious is ignored by administrators in their desire to fill teaching slots with people who

may be totally uninterested in promulgating Jewish values and law as found in the Written and Oral Torah.

But even those who do espouse Jewish values and ethics and aspire to teach in our schools must teach with passion and enthusiasm to attract those students who could easily veer in the direction of assimilation years after they finish their formal Jewish education. Teachers must be excited about what they teach in order to stimulate those who may otherwise turn off. We cannot afford to expect any less from our teachers.

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The day they blew the shofar at Bergen-Belsen

Every day, Cantor Moshe Kraus would go from barrack to barrack at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and sing happy Yiddish songs to his fellow inmates.

"If I used to see a smile in their eye, this was my reward. I was happy for this," he says.

One day, Camp Commandant SS-Hauptsturmführer Josef Kramer happened to pass by while Kraus was singing. That week he was taken to see Kramer.

Kramer, known as the Beast of Belsen, sat in a chair wearing only a bathing suit, eating and drinking.

"You know to sing German?" he demanded.

"Yes I know to sing Josef Schmidt."

For years, Cantor Kraus had been studying the music of the famous pre-war Jewish German tenor, Josef Schmidt. In 1933, after hearing him sing, Hitler's minister of enlightenment and propaganda, Josef Göbbels, reportedly declared he would have Schmidt declared "an honorary Aryan." Of course, this never happened and Schmidt, at the age of 38, was to die of a heart attack while waiting for political asylum in an internment camp in Switzerland.

Kramer demanded excitedly that Kraus sing the music of Schmidt.

"Hauptsturmführer, I can't sing like Josef Schmidt; I copy Josef Schmidt."



Editor

Barry Fishman

"Sing!"

As he sang, Kraus could not believe his own eyes.

"He cried! This murderer could cry. I couldn't believe it," Kraus remembers.

When Kraus finished the song, Kramer screamed at him: "You liar. You sing it better than Josef Schmidt. You are a liar."

From then on, when Kramer would see Kraus, he would jokingly call him the liar.

It soon became apparent the SS guards would allow Kraus a little more freedom than other inmates. Which meant he was able to help when, on Erev Rosh Hashanah 1944, a Hungarian approached Rabbi David, the chief rabbi of Rotterdam, in the Holland barracks.

Fourteen hundred Jewish Hungarian children were to be gassed the next day. They wanted to hear the shofar before they were to die. Unknown to Kraus, Rabbi David had miraculously managed to hide a shofar in the barracks. He was able to bring the

rabbi safely over to the Hungarian barracks.

Before they met with the children, the rabbi was approached by a Hungarian who said he had a diamond. If he gave it to the Germans, his son would not go to the crematorium. Another child would have to take the place of his son and face certain death. He asked the rabbi what he should do.

The rabbi fainted. When he was revived, he told the grief-stricken father that according to the Talmud, it was forbidden to choose the life of his son over another.

"What happened next," says Kraus, "if I hadn't been there and seen it, I would not have believed it."

The man opened the door and flung the diamond into the dirt. The man told the astonished camp inmates, "Who knows? In a day or two, I will be burned. I don't want to die and have on my conscience that I didn't listen to a decision of a rabbi. And, if I have the diamond, it will tempt me to go and save my son."

When they reached the children's barracks, the rabbi began to speak to them about what it means to sanctify God and to prepare them for death the best he could. After he blew the shofar, Kraus began to chant Kol Nidre. As they were about to leave, a young boy began singing *Tsvey, tsvey, Yeshuos Yaakov* (a prayer asking God for the salvation of Israel) and slowly all

1,400 children began to sing, picking up the tempo, louder and louder, faster and faster, dancing round and round the rabbi and the cantor.

Suddenly, the door swung open and the rabbi and cantor were thrown to the floor by the children. Kramer, the beast of Belsen, stood in the doorway beside himself, screaming, swearing at the children.

"What are you dancing? What are you singing? You see the smoke? Tomorrow, you will turn into smoke. Tomorrow will be the end of your life you dirty Jewish pigs."

To this day, Cantor Kraus remembers vividly the 14-year-old boy who answered Kramer in perfect German: "We are happy. We are going to our father in heaven who loves us. You will no longer have the pleasure of punishing us and beating us and standing there and laughing."

Kramer angrily left.

The next day Kraus remembers seeing the 1,400 children walking to the crematorium singing, together, *Tsvey, Tsvey*.

It is this prayer that he sings with his good friend Elie Wiesel whenever they meet and remember. And, on Shabbat, when he sings Minkomcha Malcheinu (pray calling on God to bring redemption), he uses the *Tsvey* melody.

"People don't understand why I cry. But this is the story of why I cry."

Gardening with the premier of Ontario

Does anyone know when and where Dalton McGuinty does his gardening?

The premier, who lives here in Ottawa, occasionally must pick vegetables, mow the lawn and rake leaves, no?

Or maybe he's otherwise occupied. On September 11, for example, there was no time for mucking about in the yard.

That day, after months of passionate debate over the proposed introduction of sharia law in Ontario, the premier announced the province's decision.

McGuinty not only ruled out the use of sharia – or Islamic law – in arbitrating family-law disputes in Ontario, but also proclaimed an end to all religious arbitration in this province.

For 14 years, arbitrations conducted by rabbinical courts over subjects such as divorces have been legally binding in Ontario. Now, they will no longer be so.

Some say the decision violated that most basic rule of public policy: If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Rabbinical courts and their Christian equivalents have operated for years without complaint.

Others say it was a bold defence of the premier's part, a strong defence of the separation of church (or mosque, or synagogue) and state.

Some in the Jewish community call it a violation of rights. Of course, until the sharia controversy erupted, many others didn't even know they had these rights. And



Alan Echenberg

few made use of them. Rabbinical courts hear only a tiny handful of cases each year.

Say what you will about the government's decision, at least it was internally consistent. It's hard to justify denying religious arbitration to one group while maintaining it for others.

But the consistency of this decision throws into sharp relief the discrepancies of another policy – one that's had a practical effect on the lives of many more Ontarians for a much longer period of time: The public funding of Catholic primary and secondary education to the exclusion of all other religions and cultures.

While parents can send their children to Catholic schools that are fully funded by the government, parents whose kids attend equivalent schools of other denominations and religions (for the sake of full disclosure, I should mention that I'm one of those parents) must spend thousands of dollars a year out of their own pockets.

The special status of Ontario's Catholic schools is a vestige of nothing less than the

creation of our country, forged in compromise that included a guarantee of religious education for the Catholic minority in Upper Canada and the Protestant one in Lower Canada.

The spirit of that 19th century constitutional compromise was arguably about safeguarding minority – not simply Catholic – rights. But that argument hasn't had much success in changing the status quo on education funding.

In fact, Ontario governments of many stripes, over many years, have used the constitution to shield themselves from criticisms of that inconsistent status quo.

Almost a decade ago, Arieh Waldman, a Torontonian whose kids were Jewish day school students, took the issue all the way to the United Nations Human Rights Committee. In its non-binding 1999 decision, the UN committee ruled that while Ontario wasn't obliged to fund religious schools at all, it couldn't pick and choose among religions.

A few years later, Premier Ernie Eves' Conservative government introduced the Equity in Education Act, which gave tax breaks to parents of private-school students.

Those tax breaks didn't last long. Because they were available to parents of any private-school students – not simply religious schools – it was politically easy, and maybe partially accurate, for opponents to paint them as tax breaks for the rich.

When McGuinty's Liberals took power in

2003, they retroactively killed the act, and have since shown no inclination to propose an alternative.

Jewish and other religious groups have had little success in getting this issue back onto the public agenda.

It's a tricky PR job, to be sure. It requires convincing government and public alike that this is about community strength and the multicultural fabric of our society – politically popular ideas – and not at all about cultural isolation and religion intruding into the government sphere, as some believe.

Which brings us back to Dalton McGuinty's gardening habits.

Throughout the '70s and early '80s, activists successfully pressed Premier Bill Davis to extend full funding of Catholic education beyond Grade 10. In 1984, shortly before his retirement, he suddenly reversed course on the issue.

Years later, Davis described his unexpected turnaround as "a matter of conscience, not politics." His mind changed when some Catholic students queried him as he worked on his front lawn. He couldn't properly answer why they had to pay tuition in their late high school education, while public school students did not.

So here's a possible two-part plan for today's activists anxious to get a new hearing on this issue: Find out when Dalton McGuinty does his gardening. And send off your kids for a friendly chat.

Pirkei Avot: the wisdom of our sages

Kindness is the way to secure a good future

By Rabbi Micah Shofkin
On Rosh Hashanah God judges us for the upcoming year and on Yom Kippur He seals the decree. It is a time when we pray for God to look upon us with mercy and judge us with kindness. What can we do to arouse within God the feelings of generosity so that we will be inscribed in the books of health, happiness, and prosperity?

In Pirkei Avos (Chapter 3 Mishna 19) it states "... freedom of choice is given. The world is judged with good-

ness, and everything depends on the abundance of good deeds."

Rabbi Yona Gerondi, a great 13th Century commentator, explains that that even though God judges a person based upon their deeds, He also incorporates a degree of "goodness" into the verdict. He can look for reasons to soften the judgment or He can make us pay the price of our misdeeds. Yet, we don't all merit the same degree of mercy – "everything depends on the abundance of good deeds." If we are full of kindness towards others, then

God in turn is full of kindness towards us. If we act charitably towards others then God looks at us with charity.

When a person is on trial they do whatever they can to find an easygoing judge and endeavour to arouse his compassion. When it comes to our divine judgment during these days of awe, we have the freedom to choose our judge. If we radiate the warmth of Torah towards others with acts of kindness, compassion, and charity, we will certainly merit God's blessings for a good new year.



Ron Prehogan with Alina Spaulding

Mesmerizing speaker enthalls audience

By Francie Greenspoon

"Do you remember what you were doing in 1973? Or, failing that, do you have a vivid memory from when you were five years old?"

That was how Alina Spaulding's speech began at the recent Jewish Federation of Ottawa Public Service event held at Agudath Israel.

Those lucky enough to hear her story were completely blown away!

I was, and I've heard her speak before.

Alina Gerlovin Spaulding was born in the former Soviet Union. Her father was an accomplished skier – an Olympic hopeful who, with his wife and young child, lived a comfortable life relative to other Jews in Russia. That was, until the day her father broke his leg in a skiing accident.

In the time it took for him to make his way down the ski hill, his wife and child had been evicted from their home and their world, as they had known it, was shattered.

In took eight days before a doctor saw Spaulding's father. It took a full year before he would have the surgery needed to repair his injury; surgery that could only be performed if Spaulding's mother supplied the bandages, anesthetic and sutures necessary for the operation.

The operation was unsuccessful. Her father was given five years to live.

In 1979, 40,000 Jews were rescued from the former Soviet Union thanks to the work of a number of Jewish agencies. Spaulding and her parents were among those rescued. She was five years old when they arrived in New

Jersey. With only 400 dollars and a suitcase, the family was taken to a fully furnished two-bedroom apartment, replete with clothes. All this was a far cry from the very small one room they were used to.

As word of her father's ill health became known, an anonymous federation donor stepped forward and flew a cardiologist in from California. He performed the life-saving surgery the very next day. To date, the donor remains anonymous.

But if you think Spaulding's miraculous story ends here, you are dead wrong.

She not only learned English, she completed her public school education in 10 years, graduated from college in three years and completed her master's degree in a year and-a-half.

She and her husband eventually moved to Greensboro, North Carolina where she now works for the Greensboro Jewish Federation as the director of outreach and education.

While on a humanitarian trip in 2002 to Moldova; between Ukraine and Romania, Spaulding adopted Anya – a 15-year-old, whose father insisted Spaulding take her since she had no future where she was. Two years later she adopted her sister Sasha.

Throughout her speech, she would pause and say, "Everything I have is because of people like you and the money you gave and the money you raised."

Spaulding has clearly spent her life giving back, encouraging others to do the same and undoubtedly inspiring many wherever she goes.

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Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to our Bnai Mitzvah celebrants whose names have been inscribed in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah on the occasion of their recent simcha: David Braun by Pam and Sandy Allen and Family; Jeremy Rosenblatt by Penny Bar-Noy Roodman.

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Quick action saves many lives

By Barry Fishman

It was the week before 9/11. Border policeman Natan Sandaka, an Ethiopian Jew who, at 10 1/2, was airlifted along with his family to Israel during Operation Solomon, awoke at 4:00 am to begin his day.

He remembers it being a time of "lots of terrorist alerts." As he walked the streets of Jerusalem, he was told of a suspicious looking male dressed as a Chassid, carrying a knapsack.

He gave chase.

Despite Sandaka's repeated order to stop, the man kept running. As he began to catch up to him, the man suddenly stopped, turned around and smiled.

"When I saw him smile, right away I knew I had to deal with this terrorist," Sandaka remembers thinking. As he reached for his gun, the suicide terrorist exploded the bomb.

Later, doctors were to tell Sandaka it was a miracle he survived the blast. For two weeks, he lay in a coma with 50 per cent of his body burned and a badly damaged leg. He spent months undergoing rehabilitation.

Sandaka's quick work in chasing down the terrorist stopped a greater tragedy from happening. A senior officer told him the bomb blast injured the suicide terrorist's partner, which led the police to others. The plan, the



Natan Sandaka with Ruth Aaron (left), Ambassador Alan Baker and Dalia Baker

police learned, was for the terrorists to walk into the Bikur Holm Hospital maternity ward and blow themselves up. Sandaka had stopped the terrorist 200 metres from the hospital.

And yet, he doesn't consider himself a hero.

"I did my duty as a soldier to protect people's lives," he simply says.

Although the rehabilitation at the Beit Halochem (Aid to the Disabled Veterans of Israel) facility was long and arduous and Sandaka suffered from horrible nightmares, today, he has full use of his leg and no longer has the nightmares.

"It totally changed my life. I am now twice as strong as I was before the bombing."

What helps give him the strength to go on, he says, is that "I saved so many lives."

Sandaka continues to help others. Whenever an Ethiopian soldier is hurt, he visits them.

"It is important for them to see someone like me. The fact I am here gives them hope."

As well, Sandaka works with underprivileged children who have dropped out of school. He helps them study and encourages them to return to school. His future

plan is to study social work.

"I want to help people who don't have the opportunity to help themselves," he says.

Thanks to the persistence of Beit Halochem Canada's Ottawa representative, Ruth Aaron, Sandaka was one of the 10 veterans who recently visited Ottawa.

Aaron, who has been involved with Beit Halochem since 1986, first met Sandaka in Israel last year when she heard him speak to a Toronto UJA mission led by her son Leslie. She quickly arranged

for Sandaka to join the group visiting Canada.

While in Ottawa for the day, the veterans were hosted by Israeli Ambassador Alan Baker and Dalia Baker at a lunch in their home. They also enjoyed visiting the Museum of Civilization, the Byward Market and the Soloway JCC and taking a scenic boat ride on the Rideau Canal.

To learn more about how Beit Halochem Canada helps Israeli disabled veterans visit www.advi.ca/beit_halochem.

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"Faces and Places" records the Jewish experience

(IPS) Beth Hatefutoth, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Ramat Aviv, is currently holding a fascinating exhibition - "Faces / Places / Identity: Portraits of Jews, 1972-1995."

On display are 65 portraits of Jews from all over the world, from the museum's collection of photographs, the work of some 20 photographers from Israel and abroad, most of them Jewish.



Dustin Hoffman, actor, New York City, 1995. Photographed by Frédéric Brenner, France.

Among the best-known names are Mary Ellen Mark, Edward Serotta, and Joan

Roth of the United States; Frédéric Brenner of France; Stanislaw Markowski of Poland; and Israelis Micha Bar-Am and Alex Levac.

Many of the portraits were taken for photo-documentation projects of Jewish communities and include otherwise unknown persons alongside world-renowned figures and cultural icons.

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Sara Vered guest speaker at OHW Council opening meeting

By Vivian Astroff
 Sara Vered will address the opening meeting of Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO Council on October 26, 7:30 pm, at Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive.

A community leader and knowledgeable patron of the arts and education, Vered is a native of Israel. As a teenager, she served in the Haganah, the Jewish underground, during the British Mandate and served in the

Israeli army during Israel's War of Independence in 1948.

From her unique perspective, Vered will share her views on "Israeli youth then and now."

The evening will also salute the "golden" women of Hadassah-WIZO in Ottawa, many of whom have worked to raise funds for the disadvantaged in Israel for over 50 years.

Council president Anna

Bilsky will confer achievement awards on individual Hadassah-WIZO members and Chapters that have distinguished themselves in 2003-2005.

This meeting is open to the community and refreshments will be served. Donations to support Hadassah-WIZO Youth Services projects in Israel will be welcomed.

For more information, call Debbie Goldstein (798-7644).



Sara Vered

Prime Time's new season announced

On September 8, Prime Time started its new season with a bang. Rena Herman entertained with Klezmer songs and stories. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The rest of this season promises to live up to this great start.

On November 10, Rabbi Garten will give us one of his wonderful talks. The

topic is always a surprise and always interesting.

On December 8, John Benn and Barbara Carlson will enlighten us about their "Affordable Art." They have produced a wide variety of etchings, monographs, and now computer art over the past 30 years.

On January 12, we will welcome Shirley Lawrence and learn about sculpture hands on.

On February 9, a representative from the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra will talk about its concert with the Youth Orchestra at the end of February.

Jo Anne Sulzenko, poet and writer of children's books, will be our speaker on March 9. Because of Pesach, our April

luncheon will be on April 6, with Ottawa writer Alan Cumyn giving us a reading and leading a discussion.

Speakers for May and June are to be confirmed.

Prime Time takes place at noon on the second Thursday of each month until June, at Temple Israel on Prince of Wales Drive.

Membership costs \$10 for the year. Lunch costs \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members. Reservations are required by the Monday before the program. Everyone is welcome.

For more information please call Anna Bilsky (728-4202) or Elaine Singer (728-1678).



Wrought-Iron Gate; "Affordable Art" is the topic on December 8.

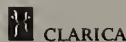
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AJA 50+ celebrates its fifth anniversary

Membership grows to 560

By Estele Melzer
Active Jewish Adults (AJA) 50+ celebrated its fifth anniversary with a party and magic show during its registration day in early September.

The magic theme was appropriate. There has been something almost magical about the growth of AJA 50+. The small core of volunteers who founded this grassroots organization could not have anticipated how dramatically people would respond and how important their group would become to mature adults and seniors in the Ottawa Jewish community. It was almost as if they had conjured up a genie from a bottle – the pent-up groundswell of retiring community members wanting to connect.

AJA 50+ started as an effort to meet the need for social, recreational and health programs for the large and growing segment of the Jewish community over the age of 50. For various reasons, established community organizations were unable to service this constituency.

"We decided to do it ourselves for ourselves," recalled founder and first president Ruth Levitan.

A steering committee was formed and volunteers were recruited to look after various aspects of the operation, including programming, membership, communications and fundraising. Other volunteers were recruited to head activities in which they had a special interest. Subsequently, a general meeting

was held, a board of directors was elected and by-laws were adopted.

Today, ongoing programs such as Jews in Music, Current Events, Drop In Bridge and Mah Jongg, Creative Connections, and Saturday Matinees on Thursdays are an anticipated part of many people's week.

During its first year, AJA 50+ was able to offer a wide spectrum of programming and grew to 200 members. Today, there are more than 560 paid members, ranging in age from 50 to 90 plus, coming from all sectors of the Ottawa Jewish community.

One of the special things about AJA 50+ is how it brings together people who would not otherwise meet and socialize – natives, newcomers, oldtimers, religious and secular, younger and older seniors, all economic levels, people who have always been very connected and people for whom AJA 50+ is their first connection to the Jewish community.

"We try to be friendly and welcoming and sensitive to barriers against participating, such as finances or transportation, which people might have," explained past president Estelle Gunner.

Membership is still only \$25 and financial assistance is available. Transportation remains an issue for many older members of the community but volunteers try to make programs accessible to all who wish to attend.

One of the goals of

AJA 50+ is to serve as an advocate for seniors needs. Foremost among these is the need for affordable seniors housing. Work on this initiative is ongoing.

Another need which AJA 50+ stepped forward to meet is the development of a day program for older members. Creative Connections, a joint program of AJA 50+ and the SJCC, takes place every Tuesday and offers a day full of activities including gentle fitness, lectures, workshops, music, holiday celebrations and, most important, connection.

To meet all these needs and to continue growing, fundraising became a necessity. This fall's fundraiser will be a Duplicate and Contract Bridge Extravaganza on November 3. AJA 50+ also has an endowment fund in the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation and donations can be made at any time.

Over the years, AJA 50+ and the SJCC have developed a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship. Many AJA 50+ programs take place at the SJCC, and AJA 50+ members are offered a discounted SJCC membership.

AJA 50+ is constantly striving to find new ways to keep its members active in body and mind. Architectural walks, lectures focusing on various seniors' health issues, art lectures, craft workshops, Spanish lessons, excursions around Ottawa, V.I.P. brunches, social gatherings and holiday celebrations – the list goes on, offering camaraderie and connection for Ottawa's Jewish seniors.

"With our membership approaching 600 and a very exciting fall program, this looks like another banner year for AJA 50+," commented Bert Blevis, co-president together with Joyce Bellman. "If you are over 50, we urge you to join us and get connected."

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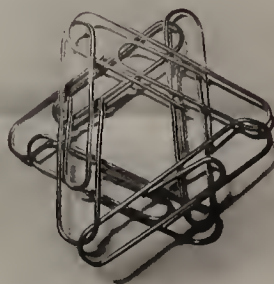
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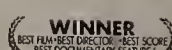
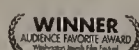
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Beth Shalom West youth commended for Torah/tzedakah initiative

By Rabbi

David Rotenberg

Last spring, the youth of Beth Shalom West celebrated the festival of Shavuot in a way that has benefited many people in a number of ways.

There is a common custom to stay awake the entire first night of Shavuot and engage in Torah study before conducting the morning services at sunrise. In this tradition, BSW youth participated in a Shavuot "Torah-thon" on the night of June 12.

For weeks leading up to the holiday, kids of varying ages collected pledges following weekday services, at school, by phone and in the neighbourhood – some straight donations and others pledges of money per hour of Torah studied on Shavuot night.

All money raised was to be split equally, with half going towards youth programming, and half to be donated to the charity of our choosing.

Upon the suggestion of some of our members who had recently returned from the mission to Israel, we

selected *Hazon Yeshaya*, a charity running a chain of 38 soup kitchens that provide over 200,000 hot meals to Israel's needy each month.

On the evening of June 12, some of our younger participants remained at home, learning under their parents' supervision, while many adults and youth alike returned to shul after their meal. Armed with an arsenal of snacks and coffee and tea, we were ready for an enjoyable evening of Torah study.

Throughout the night, fascinating classes and discussion groups were offered by our Rabbi Howard Finkelstein, as well as other rabbi members of the shul, including myself.

Although I have been told that in past years, interest and attendance waned over the course of the night, this year, we were still going strong into the wee hours of the morning and held an enjoyable and meaningful prayer service at sunrise.

In addition to sharing a meaningful and fun evening, our youths' efforts raised close to \$600. As

well, thanks to an extremely generous offer by a shul family, all of the funds raised by our youth were matched dollar for dollar, allowing us to contribute twice as much to *tzedaka* (charity) and our youth programs.

The proceeds of the Torah-thon completely funded our exciting year-end bash last June, our best attended program to date, as well as teaching our youth an important lesson in the value of *tzedaka*, by helping out those less fortunate than them.

This fall, *Hazon Yeshaya* recognized Beth Shalom West Youth's efforts by sending us a kind letter and beautiful certificate in honour of our contributions.

Beth Shalom West will officially congratulate its youth with a presentation on our upcoming Youth Shabbat on October 22, after which the framed certificate will be hung prominently in our congregation.

It will serve as a reminder and an inspiration of our commitment to Torah and *chesed* (acts of kindness).

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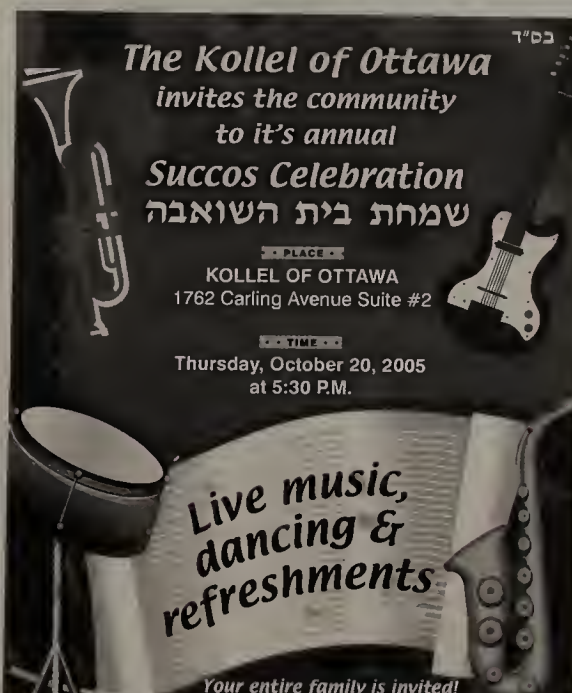
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Hebrew U professors lecture at Agudath Israel

By Diane Koven
Local alumni of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem were joined by other interested members of the community recently for an information-packed, intellectually stimulating sample of what's happening on campus.

Although the venue was Congregation Agudath Israel on Coldrey Avenue, it felt like Mount Scopus for a few hours on September 22 as the library, the chapel and the downstairs hall became university classrooms presided over by eminent lecturers from the "main" campus.

The third annual "Hebrew You!" travelling lecture series was in Ottawa after stopping in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Toronto.

In less than four hours, over 100 participants enjoyed a sumptuous buffet dinner

and a choice of two lectures from an offering of six on a wide range of topics. According to Les Kom, president of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University (CFHU) Ottawa Chapter, the audience response was fantastic.

"One participant told me 'It's the best adult education event I've ever been to – and I've been to lots,'" he said.

Professor Rachel Elijor, an expert and author of many works on Jewish mysticism and Hasidism; Dr. Noam Shoval, who lectures in the geography department and has researched the impact of the Wall of Separation and the disengagement from Gaza; and Yuval Elbashaon, founder and director of The Center for Clinical Legal Education for Human Rights and Social Responsibility within Hebrew University's



(Front row, from left to right): Sonja Kesten, Best of Hebrew U co-chair; Shelli Kimmel, director, Ottawa Chapter CFHU; Myrna Barwin, Best of Hebrew U co-chair; (back row) Professor Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov; Dina Wachtel, CFHU national director, Professor Rachel Elijor, Yuval Elbashaon, Dr. Noam Shoval.

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Faculty of Law each presented two hour-long lectures which left their "students" clamouring for more.

"In the session on poverty in Israel, participants voted to forgo coffee and dessert in favour of more time with Pro-

fessor Elbashaon," said Kom.

With the Gaza disengagement on everyone's mind, and opinions polarized on whether it was a wise move or not, the opening address by Dr. Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov was timely indeed. Entitled "The Disengagement: The Day After," his talk provided facts and historical perspective behind Sharon's decision to return Gaza to the Palestinians.

"Sharon's decision was difficult. He was the godfather of the settlement policy. Disengagement was against all of his policies and beliefs," said Bar-Siman-Tov.

For the first time since 1967, Sharon changed his policy of "land for peace,"

something extremely difficult for him to do. With the Gaza withdrawal, he agreed to give land and settlements to the Palestinians without any guarantee for anything in return.

Why this radical change in direction?

According to Bar-Siman-Tov, the answer is very simple. The biggest threat to Israel, he said, is the Palestinian demographic. If Israel does not agree to a two-state solution, there will soon be a one-state, Palestinian solution by virtue of the sheer numbers of their population.

In the meantime, said Dr. Noam Shoval, "even while attempting to get some peace agreement, we can also live in a state of no war."

It is Shoval's opinion that the security fence has made a tremendous difference to the country already and will continue to do so.

"The security barrier is a very big change to the landscape which will have implications on the future border and will have a significant economic and security impact," he said. "The fence is a very effective deterrent. People are intercepted because it is a very sophisticated border."

Shoval says that where the fence exists, suicide bombers have not managed to get into Israel.

While plans are already under way for next year's event, Kom would like to encourage people to visit the university in Israel, to see it for themselves and to consider lending financial support.

"Because of big cutbacks from its number one funder – the Israeli government – support from its friends is vital for Hebrew U to continue to play its exceptional role, not only in academic terms, but also in terms of its huge impact on Israel, and even its impact on Ottawa," Kom said.

Anyone interested in learning more about CFHU Ottawa Chapter and its various activities may contact Shelli Kimmel, director (skimmel@cfhu.org).



Sarah Lithwick Green and family hosted a beautiful Hachnasat Sefer Torah – Torah Dedication in honour and memory of Sid Green on September 25 at the Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge for the Lodge residents and Ottawa community.

Photo: Kalman Green, holding the Torah, and Sarah Green.

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B'nai Brith clothing drive successful

Miriam Leber (left) and Lynne Cohen carry the B'nai Brith Canada Katrina Clothing Drive sign at Hillel Academy. Over 250,00 lbs. of clothes were collected at depots in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Mississauga, Hamilton, Waterloo and Winnipeg. Donated clothing was shipped to Louisiana to the Canada Village community founded by Frank Stronach, the chairman of Magna International Inc. Members of this community, who are themselves Hurricane Katrina survivors, will assist in the sorting and distribution of the clothing to other victims in the vicinity.

Artist Shayna Tate's work on display at SJCC

Ottawa artist Shayna Tate will display her works at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre on Sunday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Tate has been painting in Ottawa for the last 10 years. Her works include still life, commissioned portraits and landscapes, such as her series Poppies, which was exhibited at Art in the Park in 2004.

"My paintings are all oil, brightly coloured and happy. I am inspired by the impressionists and new artists that paint on large canvasses that create the feeling of peacefulness and create beauty in texture and brushstroke," Tate says of her work.

Tate is an accomplished portrait painter and has captured the likeness of members of the Ottawa community. Her group portrait of her grandmother, the late Thelma Steinman and her aunt Gail Victor provides a sense of her ability to fuse her artistic sensibility with naturalistic portraiture.

Steinman was more than a portrait subject for Tate.

"She was my role model in that I wanted to become the kind of person that she was because she was so selfless, pure and loving. She was the kind of person that always made you feel special.

"As an artist, there are

many people that are judgmental in terms of my job. She was one of the few people that loved my art and never thought I should do anything but what I love and makes me happy," she says.

The exhibition is dedicated to Steinman's memory.

Tate is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art and Design. She attended Carleton University and Canterbury High School Visual Arts Program.

For more information about this exhibition, please contact Maxine Miska, director of programming (793-9818, ext. 263 or mmiska@jccottawa.com).



Shayna Tate's portrait of her grandmother, the late Thelma Steinman, her mother Adele Tate and her aunt Gail Victor will be on display.

Student choir produces CD



Rabbi Boruch Perton, director of education, Cantor Daniel Benlolo, Beth Shalom Synagogue, and Sara Breiner, Judaic principal, proudly display the Hillel Academy student choir CD. Under the direction of Morah Ricki Greb'er, with the assistance of Cantor Benlolo, the CD *Shirei Habira – Songs of the Capital* – showcases the students' love of singing, love of Zionism and pride of being Jewish. The CD is available for purchase at the school for \$18 or two for \$30.



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Ethical Start curriculum teaches Ganon preschoolers Jewish values

By Maxine Miska

What do you get when you combine cutting edge technology and the latest developments in early childhood education with an ancient Talmudic text?

Answer: a JCC program for preschoolers. Really.

This fall, SJCC Ganon preschoolers have commenced a new program to instill Jewish values. The Ethical Start curriculum employs teachings from a collection of aphorisms in the Talmud known as *Pirkei Avot*.

"At the Ganon Preschool we know how smart our 2- to 4-year-olds are, and we want them to begin their Jewish education with an understanding of *derech erez*, proper behaviour," says Linda Kerzner, president and COO of the SJCC. "From that ethical foundation, being Jewish will follow naturally."

The embodiment of The Ethical Start is not a robed and bearded rabbi, but Peer K Explorer, a young boy with a backpack and magnifying glass who explores the terrain of how to be a mensch with his side kick Dafna.

The preschoolers learn about *Pirkei Avot* through CDs of original songs, illustrated books and a Peer K Explorer doll they can cuddle.

Ganon teachers and parents are not excluded from



Jennifer Kwavnick, director of Ganon Preschool, with Peer K Explorer doll and preschoolers.

the experience. An Ethical Start Jewish Educator, Laurena Shaps, along with Ganon teachers have textual study every other Monday to better grasp the Talmudic texts and discuss how to implement them into the classroom at an age-appropriate level.

Parent involvement is a crucial part of Peer K's success. Shaps directs monthly parent study classes to enable their child's learning to flow with continuity from school into the home and into the rest of their lives.

"Text study provides parents and teachers with an opportunity to discuss values and ethics. *Pirkei Avot* has all the stuff we want to give our kids, but don't always have the words for, such as values clarification, social skills, and best of all, it comes from our rich Jewish tradition. Our children experience the magic of our sacred texts

These centres were selected on the basis of their vision and their understanding of early childhood curriculum, the calibre of their teachers, and their willingness to take on this exploratory work.

The SJCC program is made possible by a \$30,000 grant from the Avi Chai Foundation, which has been matched by an anonymous donor in the Ottawa Jewish community.

Dr. Ruth Pinkenson Feldman, director of early childhood services for the JCC Association, explains the *raison d'être* of the initiative: "We wanted to enhance the Jewish content of the early childhood curriculum, but there was already a lot of material available on holidays and rituals."

"The ethical dimensions of Judaism, however, which resonate for all streams of Judaism, are what we need to be teaching."

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Ann Lazear displayed several of her oil paintings, including "The Wedding, The Choir (led by Cantor Joseph Rabin) and The Challah." Ann and husband Art Lazear's paintings were initially exhibited nearly 50 years ago during the first ever Canadian exhibition of Judaic art by a husband wife pair.

Photo: Ann Lazear and A.J. Freiman with watercolour painted by Art Lazear in 1954 depicting the initial dedication of Beth Shalom Synagogue. Lawrence Freiman and his young son A.J. are together in front of the menorah at the entrance to the synagogue.

Chabad of CentrepoinTE to hold Succot celebration

Chabad of CentrepoinTE is organizing a grand Succot celebration for the entire family.

The event features a team of performers based in Montreal, known as Cirque Hilarious. Acts include acrobatic cycling, juggling, magic, a daredevil balancing act, a contorting act and much more.

There will also be a large moon bounce, clowns, face painting, lively music with popular DJ Amit and special Succot arts and crafts. As well, there will be a true circus feel in the air with popcorn and cotton candy machines, and hot dogs, deli sandwiches, salads and more, all on sale.

A large succah will be proudly displayed outside with a lulav and etrog providing everyone with the opportunity to perform the mitzvot of both eating in the succah and shaking the lulav and etrog.

Chabad's popular succah on wheels, a succah built on the back of a truck, will also be on hand to delight the children.

"The mitzvah to eat in a succah is biblical in its origins," explains Rabbi Chaim Mendelsohn, director of Chabad of CentrepoinTE. "It is reminiscent of the clouds of glory which protected the Jews in the desert as they travelled to the holy land of Israel."

"Now, while it is difficult for everyone to build their own succah," continues the rabbi, "Chabad looks to make this meaningful and beautiful tradition easily accessible to the public."

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Hana's Suitcase details one Japanese woman's search for the story of a child, Hana Brady, the owner of an empty suitcase. Hana perished in the Holocaust. Join Karen Levine - author, George Brady - Hana's brother, Fumiko Ishioka - Curator of the Tokyo Holocaust Education Centre, and Hana's suitcase

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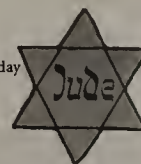
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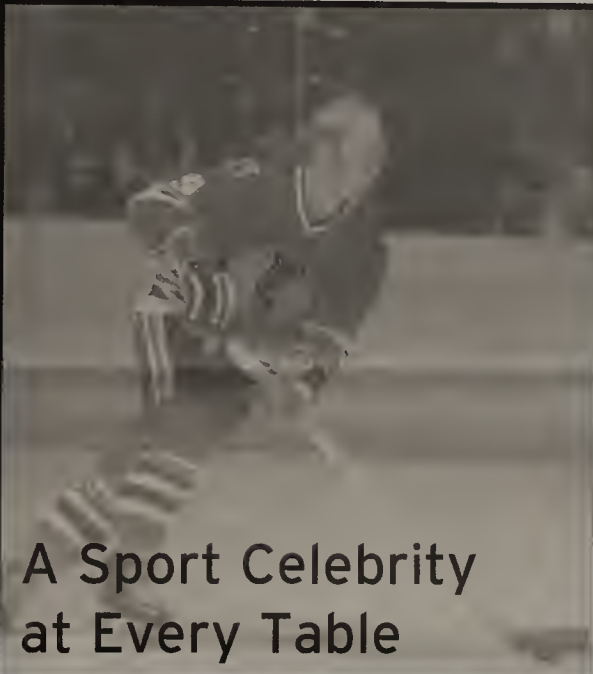


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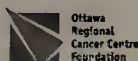
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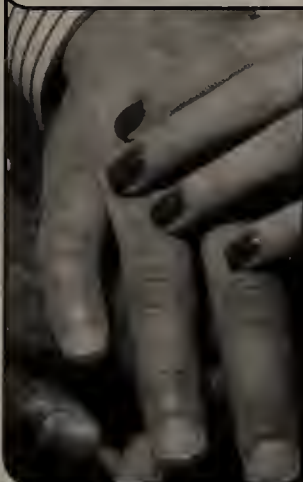
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Mushroom Barley Soup

Serves 8

I have been making this soup for several years now. I adapted it from a recipe I found in *Gourmet* magazine in September 1998. The original recipe called for beef broth. I like to use vegetable broth. Rather than making my own, as a timesaver, I use the President's Choice Organics Vegetable Stock. It is very flavourful and not too salty. This soup uses both fresh and dried mushrooms. The dried mushrooms add a depth of flavour you would not get from fresh mushrooms alone. This soup freezes well. If you are making this soup ahead of time, do not add fresh parsley and dill until just before serving.

- 2 tablespoons dried porcini mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 large carrot, peeled and diced
- 2 celery stalks, with leaves, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1 pound porcini or other mushrooms, thickly sliced
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 4 cans vegetable stock
- 4 cups water
- 1 cup pearl barley
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped flat leaf (Italian) parsley
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh dill

Soak the dried mushrooms for 30 minutes in enough hot water to cover. Strain mushroom through a paper coffee filter. Reserve the strained liquid. Coarsely chop dried mushrooms.

Melt butter in a large stockpot. Add onion, carrot, celery, garlic, fresh and dried mushrooms and sauté on medium-high heat for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Turn heat to low. Add flour and cook for another 5 minutes, stirring every minute or so, until thick.

In a separate pot, heat stock and water to boiling. Add hot liquid to vegetables in stockpot, gradually, stirring well with each addition of liquid. Bring soup to a boil. Turn down to a simmer. Add reserved mushroom liquid, barley and salt and simmer covered for about one hour, until barley is tender.

Taste for seasoning and add freshly ground black pepper and more salt if needed. Add fresh parsley and dill. Serve.

Break the Yom Kippur fast gently

I think soup is the ideal meal to break the fast with. You can make it ahead of time and freeze. It is substantial enough to fill you up after fasting all day, yet easy on the digestive system.

I know at least one person who will agree with me, my daughter's friend, "The Soup Queen." Whenever she sleeps over at our house, the next morning, she can be found rummaging through the freezer, looking for a container of homemade soup for breakfast. A few weeks ago, I found her enjoying a bowl of my Vegetarian Chili Stew at 9:30 am.

I love the idea of making three different types of soups and setting up a casual buffet table.

Dig out those soup tureens you got as wedding presents (and have never used), to serve the soups in. Put out some



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small bowls, mugs or teacups and let your guests sample all the soups.

Make a green salad, buy an assortment of good breads and cheeses and either buy or make a decadent dessert. After all, you did fast all day.

Roasted Cauliflower Soup

Serves 4

This recipe comes from Lucy Waverman. This soup can be made ahead and frozen if you want. Just add the cream and lemon juice after thawing and reheating.

- 4 cups cauliflower florets (2-inch pieces)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 5 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 cups chopped leeks (white and light green part only)
- 4 cups vegetable stock
- 1/4 cup whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- chopped chives, for garnish

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Mix cauliflower with olive oil, salt, pepper and thyme and lay on rimmed cookie sheet. Roast for about 15 minutes until golden, turning once during baking. Discard thyme.

Melt butter in stockpot over medium heat. Add leeks and sauté on medium heat until limp, about 4 minutes. Add stock, bring to a boil and simmer for 5 minutes. Add cauliflower and simmer for 10 minutes longer or until florets are soft.

Purée soup with a food processor or blender until very smooth. Add cream and season with salt and pepper. Add lemon juice. Ladle into bowls and garnish with chives.

Roasted Squash and Sweet Potato Soup

Serves 8

This recipe comes from the *Ace Bakery Cookbook* (Whitecap Books 2003).

- 1 large butternut squash, peeled and chopped
- 4 large sweet potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 1/2 large Spanish onions, peeled and chopped
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon toasted cumin seeds or ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated ginger
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut in small cubes
- 8 cups vegetable stock
- salt and pepper

Garnish

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 2 Golden Delicious Apples, peeled and diced
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 4 large shallots, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a large bowl, toss together all the ingredients, except the stock and salt and pepper. Moisten with 1 cup of the stock. Mix well. Divide between 2 large roasting pans. Cover pans tightly with foil and cook for 1 hour until vegetables are tender.

Purée in a food processor, in batches, with the remaining stock. Season with salt and pepper.

For the garnish, sauté the apples in butter until soft and golden. Sauté the shallots in butter until crisp but not burned.

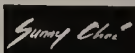
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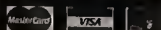
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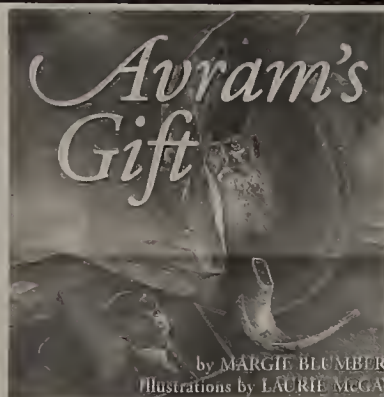
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Yom Kippur: a day for introspection

Yom Kippur, for many, is a very long 25 hours. Yet it offers a gift: a bounty of time for introspection. In this hectic life of ours, Yom Kippur is our one day a year of enforced down-time, when we can be still enough to look inside ourselves, take stock, consider who we are and what we want to work on.

Yom Kippur Readings:
Inspiration, Information, Contemplation
Edited by Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins
Jewish Lights Publishing
Hardcover, 2005

This is the kind of book you can pick up here and there, throughout the holy day, and open up at any spot. Full of meditations, prayers, reflections and personal stories, it covers the themes of Yom Kippur: sin, forgiveness, repentance and human responsibility. It also ponders the customs, faiths and beliefs associated with the day, providing different perspectives on specific prayers or poems connected to it. Excerpts by well-known contemporary rabbis such as Abraham Twerski, Abraham Joshua Heschel and Lawrence Kushner, as well as classic commentaries from sages like the Rambam, and the Chofetz Chaim, offer something for everyone. Reading selections from this text throughout Yom Kippur can add to its spirituality and make it more meaningful.

We Jews: Who Are We And What Should We Do?
By Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz
Jossey-Bass/A Wiley Imprint
Hardcover, 2005

Timely and pertinent, this book provides a starting point for introspection. With anti-Semitism alive and thriving, and the outside world defining who we are as a people (*The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* has become a world-wide "bestseller" again), Rabbi Steinsaltz attempts to answer the one longstanding question that has plagued Jews throughout time: What does it mean to be a Jew? And from that question, come others: Who are we? Are we a nation or a religion or an ethnic group? What is our purpose? Why have we never had a unified leadership? Do we have specific character traits? Is money our God? What will become of us?

The renowned scholar - who has been working on the monumental task of translating and reinterpreting the Talmud - does not look to sermonize with this book. Rather, he seeks to explore all of the issues that have plagued us throughout our tumultuous history, that work to whittle away at our numbers and water down our faith and observances. Take the problem of assimilation. Why do we assimilate so well? Why do we become "more English than the English, more French than the French," and in so doing, mistake ourselves for being "English" or whatever host nation we find ourselves in?

We are also prey to a "common Jewish sin," *sin'ot hinam* or causeless hatred, which divides us from ourselves. "The inability to reach a common stand on an important issue, especially when clear decisions are urgently needed, has



The Book Beat

Kinneret Globberman

thus persisted from Second Temple times to this day." Our character trait of flexibility, while good on the surface, is in fact detrimental and even "dangerous" writes the rabbi, when it reveals a lack of backbone - the character strength needed to fight against anti-Semitism or assimilation, or for just causes.

Aside from ideas that go to the core of who we are as Jews, Rabbi Steinsaltz also addresses our place in the world in relation to anti-Semitism. The situation or position of Jews in society, he writes, can be used as a yardstick to measure that society's health. "The more [we] are hated and persecuted, the greater the problems in the society. These can be actual material problems such as economic crises, national crises, plagues and the like. But they can also be subtle issues, such as lack of initiative, dimming of mental alertness, rigidity, conservatism that is not open to innovation and many more."

Through 12 conversational essays, posing questions that aren't always answered unequivocally, the rabbi examines the true nature of Judaism, speaking to all Jews: the unfilial, the secular and the very religious.

Book Notes:

Forgiveness is one of the themes of Yom Kippur. Yet *How Can I Forgive You? The Courage to Forgive, the Freedom Not To* by Janis Abrahms Spring (Perennial/Harper Collins, Softcover, 2004) presents a radical approach.

The author of *After the Affair* asserts that "you don't need forgiveness to be merciful and feel empathy, even compassion for the person [a recalcitrant offender who maliciously and willfully] hurt you." People are sometimes too quick to forgive or too intransigent not to. Neither one is healthy, she writes.

Dividing the book into four parts - Cheap Forgiveness, Refusing to Forgive, Acceptance, and Genuine Forgiveness - with keen insight Spring explores the nature of people who fall into the four categories. She ends by providing practical instructions for both the offended on how to grant forgiveness and the offender on how to earn it.



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Something good out of something very sad

Melvin (Mickey) Kostove passed away in the spring of 2005 on March 25th at 55 years of age. The day after he died, his wife Valerie had a discussion with her brother regarding what to do about donations that people would want to make in his memory. The solution was clear to Valerie.

Mickey's long-held devotion to Hillel Lodge, coupled with Valerie's equally dedicated commitment to UJA and the SJCC as both a volunteer and board member, made it imperative that the Jewish community be the beneficiary of any fund that was to be set up in Mickey's memory.

"Mickey would drop anything and everything to go to Hillel Lodge and help out," says Valerie. "In my heart, I knew the Lodge had lost an incredible volunteer. Even when he wasn't volunteering, he would drop in and visit people living at the Lodge. And while a fund in his name can never measure up as a replacement for his volunteerism and the many people whose lives he touched, I hope that in some small way, the money they receive from the fund will make up for that loss. I'm also sure this is what Mickey would have wanted."

Establishing a memorial fund in



Melvin (Mickey) Kostove

honour of her late husband gave Valerie the opportunity, as adviser to the fund, to advise the Foundation of her wish to select agencies such as Hillel Lodge and the SJCC, strong centres of Jewish life in Ottawa, as beneficiaries to receive the income generated from the fund each year.

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Insights on the Yom Kippur prayers

In reviewing websites that offer insights on the Yom Kippur prayers, my starting point is the Orthodox Union's Yom Kippur Center. This includes a text file, "The Prayers of Yom Kippur," which is a helpful synopsis of the services. I suggest reading that first, before turning to the websites on specific prayers.

Kol Nidre

The Jewish Encyclopedia provides a thorough introduction to the Kol Nidre service, with coverage on the ritual, its meaning, the ethics involved, and the melody (uniquely echoing the Gregorian chant that Jews in the medieval Rhineland heard from the churches). Eli Segal's web-page on "The Kol Nidre Controversy," focuses on the rabbinic dispute between Maimonides and his opponents, sheds light on the question of why vows made, or to be made, should be annulled, the reason for the placement of this prayer and its symbolic convening of a Rabbinical Court. He then discusses the main themes of Yom Kippur – repentance and petitions for divine forgiveness.

Prayers on Yom Kippur Day

The Avinu Malkeinu, an appeal for forgiveness that originated in a short petitionary prayer for God's help by Rabbi Akiva and developed, in various traditions, to much longer lists of supplications, is recited during the 10 days, starting with Rosh Hashanah and culminating on Yom Kippur. It follows every Amidah, except on Shabbat, and is included in the closing Neilah. The Jewish Feminist Resources Center's Yom Kippur

page directs us to a beautiful and meaningful alternate translation of this prayer that is true to the spirit of the original.

A 2003 sermon by the British liberal rabbi, William Goldstein provides further understanding. Goldstein discusses the problems of translating the prayer for a new Yom Kippur prayerbook. Not least of his problems was using the metaphor of God as king in an era where there is loss of respect for secular rulers ("royals" or elected) who are less than ideal role models from a Jewish or other perspective.

Goldstein emphasizes God as the faithful father who cares for his children and remembers the Holocaust martyr, Dr. Janusz Korczak, who stayed with his orphanage children, cared for them and comforted them to the end, though he could have escaped.

Yizkor, the tradition of remembering the dead and giving tzedakah in their memory, is mentioned originally with respect to Yom Kippur (Mishna). Its inclusion in the Festival services was a later addition, at the time of the massacres of the Middle Ages. This is one of the facts about Yizkor mentioned in a web page provided by the Jewish Virtual Library (JVL). Chabad usefully connects Yizkor to a set of links on honouring one's parents ("Kibbud Av Va-Em").

The Al Chet and Ashamnu are long and shorter confessional prayers. Vidui (confession) is a rooted concept in the personal Jewish life cycle, as well as a collective obligation.

People on the brink of death traditionally recite personal



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confession. Dr. Hank Slotnick provides a moving example of this aspect of confession in a memoir of his father. By extension, this provides insight for the collective confession at Yom Kippur, when our fate as individuals and as a community are in the balance. The Ashamnu, an A-Z litany of the common categories of transgression, was elucidated as part of an early 19th century commentary, the Chayei Adam of the Vilna maggid, Rabbi Avraham Danzig is available on the web in a translation by Jonathan Baker.

Neilah

At twilight, we begin the final, fifth service, of Yom Kippur. Neilah is unique to Yom Kippur, a final opportunity to repent and to petition the Almighty. Rabbi Shmuel Jablon, writing on the "Closing of the Gates" (the literal meaning of Neilah), uses his brief comment on Neilah to tie together the overall meaning and significance of our participation in experiencing the Day of Repentance.

This Yom Kippur, may you and your loved ones be sealed for a good year and for good deeds.

Websites

Yom Kippur Center: <http://www.ou.org/chagim/yomkippur/default.htm>

Kol Nidre (Jewish Encyclopedia): <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/view.jsp?artid=340&letter=K>
Segal: http://www.acs.ualgary.ca/~elsegal/Shoke/910906_Kol_Nidre.html

Avinu Malkeinu: <http://www.ritualwell.org/10030/Rituals/ritual.html?docid=545>

Goldstein: http://www.liberaljudasim.org/writtenword_sermons_avinu.htm

Yizkor (JVL): <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Judaism/yizkor.html>

Chabad: <http://www.chabad.org/library/article.asp?AID=110101>

Slotnick: <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/450696>

Ashamnu: <http://www.panix.com/~jjbaker/stidui.htm>

Neilah: <http://www.rabbiablon.com/jewishanswersneilah.htm>

I can see by your title that you are important

The above headline should be sung to the tune of *Laredo*: "I can see by your outfit that you are cowboy..."

Personally, I've never been particularly good about job titles. It's a failing of mine. I sometimes have trouble keeping straight the specific degrees of seniority and honour that are due someone.

Most people, of course, have earned their titles. For instance, there is a famous person who had bestowed on him an honorary doctorate from a small, relatively unknown college. He now signs all his letters with a Dr. in front of his name. Some have tried to convince him that this is tacky. He, however, remains unmoved.

"They conferred the degree on me, so I must deserve it," is his seemingly perfect logic.

I myself currently sport the title "senior" director of planning.

Some might think that means I am a bit long in the tooth. I wish to reassure you that nothing could be further from the truth.

The fact that I qualify as a senior in age is purely coincidental. The real purpose of this epithet is to convey to you the seriousness and gravity with which you should treat anything I say.

Or so I tell my colleagues.

Someone once explained to me that, in the corporate world, adding the word "senior" to the title "director" meant you received a higher salary.

Of course, in Jewish community work, we do everything for the "koved."

Recently, I received a note from a colleague of mine who wished to know whether he should put my name or the name of my boss first in his acknowledgments.

"I don't want to ruffle any feathers," he explained.

I could see my boss and me circling each other like two roosters in a barnyard, our feathers bristling as we tried to puff ourselves up to a larger size.

What an insult! Hey, I think he ruffled my feathers by asking the question.

In the government, there was a code about these titles. A



Humour me, please

Rubin Friedman

manager was lower than a director who, of course, was lower than a director general. Directors general reported to assistant deputy ministers who reported to deputy ministers.


But, then, we started to get titles that didn't fit the hierarchy. We had general directors and executive directors, who reported to directors general sometimes, but who were more important than directors. Similarly, a general manager could be a director, or just under one. Then, we started to get associate deputy ministers, who were apparently to be given more honour and deference than assistant deputy ministers, but without having any actual authority.

The best of all were senior advisers or special advisers. Senior advisers were to be taken seriously because their advice was apparently senior or superior to everybody else's. The advice of special advisers was special – the kind you don't actually have to listen to. These positions were generally reserved for those who had just lost a job somewhere or were about to take somebody else's, or both. Having this job title meant you were in transition – either on your way in or on your way out. Sometimes this depended on who won the next election.

I am now working on a new title that, I hope, will convey the full scope of my importance to the organization as well as the key to my personal character.

I will, with the permission of my boss, take on the title of chief operating officer's chief Ottawa operative.

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**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 11**
March of the Living Information Session, 8:00 pm.

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 16**
Ottawa artist Shayna Tate, art exhibit, 6:00 pm.

Holocaust Education Week, documentary *Paper Clips*, Rainbow Cinema, St. Laurent Shopping Centre, 7:00 pm. Tickets: 688-0850.

The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program presents lecture series: Islam and Democracy, by Dr. Henri Habib, Professor Emeritus, Concordia University, 7:00 pm.

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 20**
Kollel of Ottawa annual Succot celebration. Live music, dancing and refreshments. 1762 Carling Avenue, Suite #2, 5:30 pm.

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 23**
SJCC/JET Succoth Family Celebration, 1:00 pm.
Chabad of Centrepointhe Succot celebration, Cirque Hilarious, Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointhe Drive, 3:00 to 7:00 pm.

The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program presents Lecture Series: Islam and Democracy, by Dr. Henri Habib, Professor Emeritus, Concordia University, 7:00 pm.

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 26**
The Ottawa Klezmer Band, presented by the 2005 Outaouais Festival of Sacred Music to mark the close of Simchat Torah, Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier Avenue, (Hull), 8:00 pm. Tickets: 820-2816.

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 27**
Ottawa Jewish Historical Society Lecture with guest

speaker Dr. Gary Viner speaking about the Viner Family, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 pm.

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30**
The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program presents Lecture Series: Islam and

Democracy, by Dr. Henri Habib, Professor Emeritus, Concordia University, 7:00 pm.

Holocaust Education Week, Hana's Suitcase, Ottawa Public Library, 101 Centrepointhe Drive, 100-3:00 pm. Evening: St. Paul's University, 233 Main Street, 7:00 pm.



SHABBOT CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE

Oct 14	★	6:01 pm	Oct 21	★	5:49 pm
Oct 28	★	5:38 pm	Nov 4	★	4:28 pm

YOM TOV CANDLELIGHTING

Erev Yom Kippur	Oct 12	6:04 pm
Erev Succot	Oct 17	5:56 pm
Erev Shemini Atzeret	Oct 24	5:44 pm
Simchat Torah	Oct 26	Yom Tov ends 6:44 pm



COMING SOON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
JNF 2005 Negav Dinner: honoree Dr. Harley Stern with keynote speaker Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
Ticket Info: 798-2411.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Mediterranean Melodies, "Sea The Music" concert, Agudath Israel Synagogue.
Ticket Info: 728-3501.

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

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